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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJ: UPDATE REPORT ON NAHA RELOCATION

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1. WHILE WE CANNOT RPT NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE ARE IN ERROR, WE BELIEVE THAT JFAP PROGRAM, ON THE WHOLE, IS GOING ALONG REASONABLY WELL. SINCE RECEIVING YOUR CABLE, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH COMUSJAPAN AND WITH THE ARMY DISTRICT ENGINEER, WHO IS HANDLING ALL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS, AND NEITHER REPORT ANY DIFFICULTIES THASWE HAD NOT RPT NOT KNOWN ABOUT BEFORE. IN BRIEF, THE SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS: WORK IS PROGRESSING ON PROCESSING ALL PROJECTS AGREED TO AT JANUARY 23 SCC MEETING AS SUBSEQUENTLY DETAILED BY US TO GOJ. ASTON-ISHINGLY ENOUGH, GOJ HAS NOT RPT NOT REJECTED A SINGLE PROJECT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED EVEN THOUGH MANY ARE MINOR. WHERE DIFFICULTIES HAVE OCCURRED, AS IN MISAWA BARRACKS PROBLEM, GOJ HAS SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS (I.E., CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BARRACKS VICE MINOR REHAB OF EXISTING BARRACKS). ARMY APPARENTLY IS SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED THAT GOJ HAS NOT ACCEPTED PRIORITY RPT PRIORITY LISTING FOR ARMY AIR CONDITIONING AND

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FENCING PROJECTS ON OKINAWA; BUT ARMY'S COMPLAINT GOES ONLY

TO QUESTION OF TIMING: GOJ HAS NOT RPT NOT BALKED AT CONSTRUCTION OF THESE PROJECTS. MARINES MAY BE SOMEWHAT UNAHPPY THAT ONE PROJECT AT FUTENMA APPARENTLY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED IN JFY-74 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; BUT, SINCE WE DID NOT RPT NOT INFORM GOJ THAT PROJECT MUST BE DONE URGENTLY, GOJ CANNOT RPT NOT BE COMPLAINED OF ON THAT SCORE. MAJOR PROBLEM WE ARE FACING NOW IS THAT WHICH YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR CABLE; NAMELY, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BARRACKS AT IWAKUNI. GOJ, BY ITS CURRENT INTERPRETATION OF THE "UNIFIED POSITION" PROVIDED BY FONMIN OHIRA IN DIET LAST SPRING, HAS PLACED ITSELF IN TIGHT POSITION WITH DIET. DFAA TOLD DIET COMMITTEE THAT NEW BARRACKS WOULD BE REPLACEMENT FOR EXISTING IMPERIAL ARMY BARRACKS AT IWAKUNI AND SAID THAT IMPERIAL BARRACKS WOULD BE RAZED AFTER COMPLETION OF NEW ONES. GOJ RECOGNIZES THAT THIS REPRESENTATION IS CAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES SINCE OUR REQUEST FOR A NEW BARRACKS WAS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL, NOT REPLACEMENT, BARRACKS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF AND DFAA TO DISCOVER POSSIBLE MEANS BY WHICH GOJ CAN MEET OUR NEEDS AND STILL SOLVE GOJ PROBLEM WITH DIET OPPOSITION MEMBERSHIP. LATEST REPORT THESE DISCUSSIONS CONTAINED IN COMUSJAPAN 060748Z SEP 73, (BEING REPEATED TO YOU FYI). WHICH PERMITS SOME CAUTIOUS HOPES THAT THE BARRACKS PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY. IN ANY CASE, WE CERTAINLY HAVE NOT ALREADY LOST THE BALL GAME ON THE BARRACKS; AND THE GOJ IS NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPTING TO WELSH ON ITS UNDERTAKING.

2. IF YOU CONTINUE TO HEAR COMPLAINTS ABOUT JFAP PROGRESS WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE COMPLAINANTS SPECIFICS OF THE PROBLEM COMPLAINED OF; AND WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO RESPOND TO HIM, WITH COPY TO YOU, WITH AS MUCH SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS WE CAN MUSTER.

3. SORRY THAT YOU CANNOT PASS THROUGH JAPAN THIS TIME SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A MORE EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THIS AND OTHER TOPICS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.
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